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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend and/or add the following claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition, which has an outermost layer of a fluorine-containing resin coating film, in which in stain removing test according to JIS L 0805, a grey scale is grade 4 or more and in ethanol resistance test according to JIS K 6547 by using a clock meter type friction tester, an area of chipped-off fluorine-containing coating film is 50 % or less,

said fluorine-containing resin coating film is formed by curing a curable fluorine-containing resin coating composition comprising a fluorine-containing resin having a reactive curable group and a curing agent, and

said fluorine-containing resin having a reactive curable group is a polymer having at least one of chlorotrifluorethylene unit and tetrafluoroethylene unit.

2. (Original) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of Claim 1, wherein in said stain removing test, a stain is marked with a rouge, the stain is allowed to stand for 30 minutes and a neutral detergent is used as a stain removing agent.

3. (Original) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of Claim 1, wherein in the cold resistance test in which the leather is allowed to stand at -5°C for 24 hours and folded with its coated surface being faced outward, a cracking does not arise on the fluorine-containing resin coating film.

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4. (Previously Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of Claim 1, wherein in a flexing fatigue resistance test which is carried out by bending the coated leather 30,000 times by using a flexometer described in JIS K 6545, a cracking does not arise on the fluorine-containing resin coating film.
5. (Previously Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of Claim 1, which has the fluorine-containing resin coating film of 2 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of [Claim 6] Claim 1, wherein the reactive curable group is at least one of hydroxyl group, amino group, epoxy group, carboxyl group, mercapto group, hydrolyzable silyl group, amido bond, urethane bond and urea bond.
8. (Currently Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of [Claim 6] Claim 1, wherein the reactive curable group is hydroxyl group.
9. (Original) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of Claim 8, wherein a hydroxyl value of the fluorine-containing resin having hydroxyl group is not more than 200 mgKOH/g.
10. (Canceled)

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C 11. (Currently Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of [Claim 6] Claim 1, wherein the curing agent is an isocyanate compound, amino resin, acid anhydride, polysilane compound, polyepoxy compound or silane compound having isocyanate group.

12. (Previously Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of Claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing resin coating film is formed directly on the leather.

13. (Previously Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of Claim 1, wherein a primer layer is formed between the leather and the fluorine-containing resin coating film.

14. (Original) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of Claim 13, wherein the primer layer is a non-fluorine-containing coating film comprising an acrylic resin, methacrylic resin, urethane resin, acrylonitrile resin, butadiene resin, styrene resin, vinyl chloride resin, vinylidene chloride resin, vinyl acetate resin or a mixture of two or more thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of producing the leather coated with the fluorine-containing resin coating composition of Claim 1, which comprises coating [the] a curable fluorine-containing resin coating composition [of Claim 6] comprising a fluorine-containing resin having a reactive curable group and a curing agent on the leather surface directly or through a primer layer, and curing.

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16. (Original) The production method of Claim 15, wherein the fluorine-containing resin coating composition is coated on the leather directly without forming a primer layer between the leather and the coating film of the resin coating composition.

17. (Original) The production method of Claim 15, wherein the fluorine-containing resin coating composition is coated after coating the primer layer on the leather.

18. (Original) The production method of Claim 17, wherein the primer layer is the non-fluorine-containing coating film of Claim 14.

19. (Previously Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of Claim 1, which is used for interior goods of building, interior goods of vehicles, furniture, shoes, bags, clothes and leather articles.

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